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County sees uptick in sexual assault reports

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

On the heels of one sentencing in a sexual assault case on Feb. 28, the Weston County Attorney's Office is preparing to take another case to a jury trial in April. Reports of sexual

abuse in the community also continue to roll in.

"It looks like we have six cases, where we are at some point in the case process, in the last few months," Deputy County Attorney Jeani Stone told the Weston County commissioners on March 15. Stone later told the News

Letter Journal that these six most recent cases involve 10 different victims.

"(In) a couple of our cases, the sexual abuse happened years ago," Stone said.

She noted that new victims can surface when feelings are reignited if an individual is accused by someone else.

"Part of me thinks, seeing the older cases with the newer, that it sparks the older victims to come forward," Stone said.

According to Sheriff Bryan Colvard, Weston County has seen an increase in sexual abuse reports, most of which are old incidents that people

are now reporting, over the past year.

Wyoming has no statute of limitation on sexual abuse charges, according to both Colvard and Stone, meaning that perpetrators can be charged with the crime at any time.

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Photos courtesy of Janet Hutchinson

Straitor Clark, Sundance rancher, was recently honored posthumously by the Wyoming Cowboy Hall of Fame for his life full of hard work and cowboying. Top photos, Clark working hard on the ranch and with his team of horses. Janet Hutchinson, his daughter, says that her father was always characterized by his work ethic.

Pictured is Clark and his wife, Elaine, the year they got married, above, and for their 50th wedding anniversary, at left.

Rancher honored for his cowboy legacy

KateLynn Slaamot
NLJ Reporter

The founding of the West and its way of life are built on the backs of many hardworking men and women, including Straitor Clark, a Sundance rancher who was born at the foot of the Inyan Kara Mountain in 1912. Clark was recently inducted, posthumously, into the Wyoming Cowboy Hall of Fame, honoring the legacy he left through the

character he exemplified throughout his life.

Clark, who is the father of Newcastle resident Janet Hutchinson, was born to Nate and Hilma Clark, as the oldest of nine children. The family lived in the Inyan Kara vicinity.

The young Clark started working at a very tender age, so he didn't continue his schooling past fourth grade.

"At the age of 10 he helped trail pigs to the railroad loading grounds at Aladdin, Wyoming. At only 12 years old he helped Fred Henderson

buy, round up and trail horses to the Big Horn Mountains, where they were sold to dude ranches. In his youth, he worked for various neighbors, always staying in the households where he was employed, while he learned the trade of farming and ranching. He was in the saddle on every ranch he worked on and greatly enjoyed working with horses," Hutchinson said.

As one in a large family during hard times, Clark

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Drought persists

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NLJ News Editor

The drought in Weston County, Northeast Wyoming and the entire state is expected to continue as precipitation is anticipated to be below average, according to the Farmers' Almanac.

"The drought is seeming to persist or worsen across Weston County as we move into spring. We're approaching a critical point that we may see very little to no-green if we don't receive moisture in the near future," Weston County Fire Warden Daniel Tysdal said. "We've already had red flag and critical fire weather watches the last few weeks, and though the temperatures are forecast to be moderate and more seasonable, there appears to be little if any beneficial moisture in the short-term forecast."

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, all of Weston County is categorized as being 100% D1, or in moderate drought. This classification is described as having low hay and forage yield, elevated fire danger and fewer wildflower blooms.

Of that 100%, 44.1% of the county's land is classified as being in D2, or severe drought. Traits of a severe drought include poor pasture conditions, stressed trees and vegetation and low water pressure and levels.

At the same time, Wyoming as a whole is classified as being 100% in D0, or abnormally dry conditions with 92.7% of the state being classified as D1 and 60.6% of that as D2. Of that 60.6%, 20% is classified as being in D3, or extreme drought with poor snowpack and inadequate surface water for ranching and farming.

Despite the lack of a D3 classification in Weston County, snowpack is slim to none, according to the most recent Black Hills Snow Course Readings completed by the Natural Resource Conservation Service district office in Sundance. The two areas closest to Weston County, Little Bear Run and Mallo, were both below 63%

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District looks at alternative projects for ESSER funds

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Weston County School District No. 1 is looking at various alternatives for spending the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief 3.0 funds, better known as ESSER 3.0 grant funding, after Superintendent Brad LaCroix announced that the proposed building would be too expensive.

According to implementation plan documents, the district received \$3,751,067.75 in federal funding from the state

through ESSER 3.0, part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. It provided nearly \$122 billion to "states and local educational agencies to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the nation's students."

As previously reported, the district first discussed using a portion of the funds to build an unspecified building. The hope was that this new facility would help the district and the community expand school activities, after-school activi-

ties and summer activities by having more space to host various events, practices and gatherings.

LaCroix had originally suggested that the district spend between \$2 to \$2.5 million to construct the building. The remainder of the ESSER funding would be spent on various expenditures, including \$86,000 to update the bookmobile, \$112,134 for summer and after-school programs, \$17,000 for healthy snacks, \$300,000 for equipment and supplies, \$200,000 to potentially expand the elementary school play-

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— Brandy Holmes,
Newcastle Elementary
School Principal

ground and \$98,067 to help the district focus on the physical and emotional health of staff and students.

These items, according to LaCroix, are still in the spending plan for the district but the plan to construct a new building is unattainable at this time.

"After visiting with the architect and the board chair (Tina Chick), I believe it would be best to go to plan B with the grant. Construction is crazy, please let me (Newcastle Elementary School Principal architect is applying the current cost of a pole barn at \$175 to

\$200 a square ft.," LaCroix said in an email. "Other construction methods, brick and mortar, are in some cases \$400 a square foot. Thus, a building that would be approximately 100x100 square foot does not meet the needs."

Because of this, the district is encouraging the community to engage with the district's trustees during their March 30 and April 13 board meetings.

"If you have any ideas, please let me (Newcastle Elementary School Principal architect is applying the current cost of a pole barn at \$175 to

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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 56, Lo 31



Friday
Partly Sunny
Hi 46, Lo 25



Saturday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 57, Lo 33



Sunday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 52, Lo 32



Monday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 56, Lo 33



Tuesday
Cloudy/Wind
Hi 49, Lo 28



Wednesday
Cloudy/Wind
Hi 44, Lo 26



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Dispatch decision looms

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

Weston County Deputy Attorney Jeani Stone, told the county commissioners at their March 15 meeting that she was on the cusp of a possible solution to the city-county dispatch woes. She hoped to present her ideas to the commissioners on April 12 at a meeting in Upton. That date had not been confirmed as of March 28.

Stone said that Weston County residents should have an answer regarding who will be fielding their emergency calls between Weston County and the city of Newcastle.

As previously reported, tensions between Weston County and the city of Newcastle over dispatch services provided by the city have been increasing for some time. The disagreement escalated in the past year with the city moving to relocate the dispatch center and Newcastle Police Department from the county's law enforcement center to the city offices. The county, in response, has been exploring the costs of starting its own dispatch service.

The commissioners, as previously reported, had initially sought to form a joint powers board to oversee dispatch services. Weston County Sheriff Bryan Colvard and Gilbert

Nelson, the county's emergency management coordinator, have also stated their support for a joint powers board.

The city and Mayor Pam Gualtieri, however, have opposed a joint powers board, preferring instead to continue to operate the dispatch center and provide the service for other county entities.

Hoping to avoid a split between the city and county, Stone has been working with Newcastle Police Chief Sam Keller, Sheriff Colvard and Upton Police Chief Susan Bridge to develop agreements and contracts for dispatch services provided by the city.

Stone said that her "presentation" tentatively scheduled for April 12, would include the issues that led to the city's decision to go it alone, what was done to rectify those concerns, what a joint powers board would look like and the costs associated with dispatch currently and if the city and county were to split and perform dispatch duties separately.

"I'd like to have a presentation on what it would look like if you do your own (a county dispatch). There will be additional costs to both groups," Stone said.

She added that she is drafting a joint powers agreement so that the county could get the ball rolling if the city agrees.



Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ

Water is already nonexistent in the small pond located on Kenwood Drive outside of Newcastle. In previous years this area had significantly higher water levels and/or ice cover at this time of the year.

Drought

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of the 30-year median for snow water equivalent.

According to the NRCS website, "snow water equivalent, or SWE, is a commonly used measurement used by hydrologists and water managers to gauge the amount of liquid water contained within the snowpack. In other words, it is the amount of water that will be released from the snowpack when it melts."

Little Bear Run, with an elevation of 6,240 feet, had 10 inches of snow on Feb. 28 with a snow water equivalent of 2.1 inches. The 30-year median snow water equivalent is 3.6 inches and 17 inches of snow, meaning that Feb. 28 snow totals were at 59% of the 30-year median.

Mallo, with an elevation of 6,420 feet, had 18 inches of snow on Feb. 28 with a snow water equivalent of 3.2

inches. This was an increase from January and February reports but still only 62% of the 30-year median for the area.

In addition to having below-average snowpack in areas near Newcastle to begin the month of March, Scott Rudge, observation program leader with the National Weather Service in Rapid City, reported that Newcastle has only received 0.009 inches of precipitation in March. The average for March, he said, is 0.69 inches.

Precipitation was also lower than the January average of .43 inches with only .15 inches of precipitation. February, on the other hand, was near the average with 0.49 inches of precipitation.

"You (Newcastle) are starting out 2022 close to 0.80 inches below average," Rudge said.

In 2021, Newcastle received 15.63 inches of precipita-

tion, higher than the average 14.28 inches of precipitation received. Rudge did note that four of those inches were received in July, likely resulting in high runoff with little benefit to the drought conditions.

Newcastle recorded its eighth-highest snowfall event on Dec. 10, 2021, when 9.1 inches of snow fell.

In 2020, according to the National Weather Service, Newcastle had its second-driest year on record with 7.05 inches of precipitation.

Given the current drought conditions, Tysdal is urging the public to not do any controlled burning and to be careful with any outdoor activities that could start a fire.

"If these conditions persist, there is likely a busy wild-land fire season ahead of us," Tysdal said.

Schools

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Brandy Holmes) know or feel free to contact Superintendent LaCroix directly," Holmes said in an email updating district employees on the development of the ESSER 3.0 grant.

"Please keep in mind the goal of the grant is to address learning loss and the physical/mental well-being, keeping particular focus on meeting the needs of at-risk groups," she continued in the email.

According to implementation documents, the district must set-aside 20% of the funding to address the "academic impact of learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions such as summer learning or enrichment, extended day, comprehensive after school programming or extended school year programs."

Ideas for spending over \$2.5 million, according to Holmes' email, include playground equipment, continuing free breakfast and lunches for students, continuing the employment of both an additional nurse and district counselor, STEAM labs, new HVAC for Newcastle Elementary School, substitute teachers and addressing mental

health and social needs.

The district is inviting anyone with additional ideas for spending the funds to share them with district and school administration. The public is also invited to join the discussion during board meetings.

LaCroix acknowledged that some community members are concerned with the spending, giving even more reason for the public to be engaged in the decision process.

"We understand this is not free money; it is taxpayer money and we respect that," LaCroix said, noting that some individuals have suggested that the schools and local municipalities return the money instead of spending it.

"If we do not accept the money, it will be reallocated within the state. It is worth a conversation at this time," he said.

The timeline for using the grant, according to Holmes, is two years. The implementation documents say that all funds must be obligated by Sept. 30, 2024, and liquidation must occur by Dec. 10, 2024.

CORRECTION

In the March 24 edition of the News Letter Journal, on Page 9, the description for the Newcastle Rodeo Club auction photos incorrectly identified the business that provided the dinner for the event. Woody's Food Center provided the meal for the evening. We regret the error.

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N.Y. Times v. Sullivan saves freedom of the press

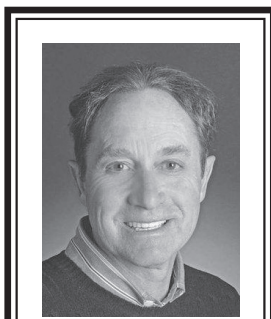
The Supreme Court's decision in *The New York Times v. Sullivan* (1964), checks all the definitional boxes of a landmark ruling. It revolutionized the law of libel in the United States. It saved freedom of the press and the First Amendment. It empowered the journalists to challenge representations of governmental officials. It lit the way for penetrating reporting necessary to properly inform the citizenry on the great issues of our time.

Without the Sullivan ruling, the media would not have been able to produce the searching coverage that illuminated the civil rights movement and exposed the secrets and deceit that surrounded the Vietnam War and Watergate. Without the decision, Americans would live in darkness, a condition that would jeopardize the future of our democracy.

The vitality of the Sullivan decision is of enduring importance. As readers know, the standards set forth by the Court are in play in *Sarah Palin v. The New York Times*, a libel action currently making headlines in newspapers across the country.

The Sullivan case emerged from the civil rights movement and the efforts of Dr. Martin Luther King in Montgomery, Alabama, to

draw attention to the cruelty of racism and segregation in southern states. On March 29, 1960, supporters of Dr. King created an advertisement that ran in the *New York Times*. Among other things, the advertisement declared that southern officials — “Southern violators of the



David Adler
Guest Column

Constitution” — had employed illegal measures and tactics against Dr. King and his colleagues in the movement, and had arrested King “seven” times on

trumped up charges. The ad mentioned no names, but J.B. Sullivan, a commissioner in Montgomery, in charge of the city police, sued the *Times* for libel. He claimed that his position and responsibilities for supervision of the police department would lead readers to identify him as one of the “violators.”

The Sullivan case began in an Alabama state court, where Sullivan prevailed at trial. The judge held that the advertisement was libelous and awarded Sullivan \$500,000 in damages, the largest libel award in Alabama's history.

At the time, Alabama libel law, like that in other states, included three elements.

First, any publication that was challenged as libelous was presumed to be false. The publisher bore the burden of proving it to be true. Second, damage was assumed, if the publication somehow harmed the plaintiff's (Sullivan's) reputation. Third, the law declared that the publisher's fault was presumed. That is, it didn't matter if the publisher did his best to obtain the truth. He would pay.

The *Times* could not satisfy the requirement that the advertisement was true in all respects. It conceded that it contained errors. Dr. King had been arrested, for example, four, not “seven” times. These misstatements, the trial judge concluded, meant that the *Times* had libeled Sullivan and would have to pay the awarded damages.

The ruling threatened to crush the newspaper, which, at the time, was barely profitable. Sullivan's lawsuit, like other libel actions brought by white southerners against Northern media, reflected a strategy of threatening newspapers with financial ruin, if they continued their coverage of the civil rights movement. When Sullivan came before the Court, there were libel claims of \$300 million against Northern media. The threat of bankruptcy for a few misstatements might well constitute a deterrent to coverage of the civil rights movement or, indeed, any

other probing reports of the acts of government officials. Newspapers clearly needed protection. Freedom of the Press needed protection. The First Amendment needed protection. In *Sullivan*, the Court provided it.

At the time of *Sullivan*, no libel judgment had ever been held to violate freedom of the press. In fact, since the founding of the republic, libel had been considered beyond the protection of the First Amendment. The *Times*, through the arguments of its attorney, the eminent constitutional law scholar, Herbert Wechsler of the Columbia Law School, sought to reverse the tides of history.

Wechsler invoked the infamous Seditious Act of 1798, which punished Americans for “harshly” criticizing governmental officials. This law — the law of seditious libel — was never tested in the Supreme Court, but certainly condemned by the court of history and the court of public opinion as dangerous to freedom of the press and the enterprise of republicanism. Wechsler told the Court in *Sullivan* that contemporary libel law punished criticism of public officials, just as the Seditious Act had done.

Wechsler argued to the Court that there should be no test of truth for criticism of governmental officials. If libel actions could prevail against newspapers for any missteps, for the slightest errors and

misstatements, the effect on individuals and newspapers would be so chilling as to discourage criticism of public officials for fear of facing damages for libel. A chilling effect on freedom of speech and press would represent a critical threat to democracy itself. Wechsler told the Court: “There never is a time when it would serve the values enshrined in the Constitution to force the press to curtail its attention to the tensest issues that confront the country.”

Justice William Brennan, nominated to the Court by President Dwight Eisenhower, wrote the opinion for the Court, one considered by scholars to be among his very best. We turn to his landmark opinion next week.

David Adler, Ph.D., is a noted author who lectures nationally and internationally on the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and presidential power. His scholarly writings have been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court and lower courts by both Democrats and Republicans in the U.S. Congress. Adler's column is supported, in part, through a grant from Wyoming Humanities funded by the “Why it Matters: Civic and Electoral Participation” initiative, administered by the Federation of State Humanities Councils and funded by Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Adler can be reached at david.adler@alturasinstitute.com.

Deadline for Letters to the Editor is noon on Friday

Woes followed Big Nose George! Author Mark Miller tells the sordid tale

Okay, so who was Big Nose George? This legendary character from Wyoming's formative past has been written about extensively for the past 141 years, but never has anyone really put the whole story all together until now.



Bill Sniffin
My Wyoming

Dr. Mark E. Miller's new book “Big Nose George, His Troublesome Trail” is the best telling I have seen of this famous character's real story.

I featured a version of this story, along with some crazy photographic images, in my third coffee table book, “Wyoming at 125,” back in 2015. We included the tidbit that after George's lynching, his body was skinned, and a pair of shoes was made from the remnants.

Lynched? Was he ever lynched! Not sure any Wyoming outlaw endured what poor George Parott, a train robber and confessed murderer, had to put up with as an angry mob put an end to his worthless life in Rawlins in 1881. And George's body endured an ultimate indignity after he was dead. Miller tells these tales in more detail and in a more entertaining way than I have ever read before.

Noted historian Phil Roberts of Laramie says Miller's book “is a well-told story about an event previously shrouded in the mists of time. The book will serve as an important corrective to the jumbled mythology and folklore surrounding the tale of crime and execution in Old West Wyoming more than a century ago.”

The author is retired from teaching at the University of Wyoming. In his preface, he writes:

“It seems fitting for me to write this brief history of nineteenth-century outlaw Big Nose George Parott, whose criminal exploits

spanned 1876–1881 in Wyoming Territory. Four generations of Millers grew up telling his story because parts of it hit close to home. My great-grandfather, Isaac C. (Ike) Miller, was Carbon County Sheriff when a Powder River Gang member sat in jail after his turbulent criminal trial in Rawlins. Sheriff Miller was legally required to carry out the sentence.

“I was born in that railroad town seventy years after Parott's death. Every kid my age grew up wide-eyed, hearing similar harrowing accounts of the Elk Mountain incident and the outlaw gang who perpetrated it (when Parott and his gang killed two lawmen near Elk Mountain). The event is still, at this writing, prominently featured in our community at the county museum and on a large billboard near the railroad depot.

“Parott's final years in Wyoming Territory produced savage events that led to his ultimate death more than two years after the August 19, 1878, Elk Mountain incident. Hopefully, the behavioral model presented here accurately reflects Parott's criminal life and the events that followed his death. While gaps in our knowledge still exist, many others were filled in with inferential arguments that present the reader with a more complete flow of probable actions. Future research undoubtedly will expand our discovery of new facts, taking us closer toward truth and further from legend.”

The book opens with a well-written description of the killing of two lawmen by Big Nose George's gang near present-day Rawlins. Here is how Miller describes it:

“Two horses stomped the firm ground, cutting through bent grass

around the smoldering campfire. The tallest rider dismounted, walked over to feel heat from the fire's embers and said something to his partner on horseback. Suddenly, the sound of a rifle shot rang through the mountain air. A large caliber lead bullet ripped through the aspen leaves into the clearing, struck the standing man in his eye, and blew away half of his face. He dropped dead on top of the warm coals.

“His partner galloped away only to be knocked out of his saddle by a powerful gunshot in the back. This second man died while pointing his revolver toward a group of surly gunmen who had moved out of their forested concealment near the fire. Afterward, Rattlesnake Canyon quieted down once more as the soft breeze fluttered through the leaves dangling from a thousand aspen branches.

“These grisly murders produced the apex moment in the early history of Carbon County, Wyoming, and helped define the social character of Rawlins for over a century.”

The back cover contains the headline “The most outlandish Old West true crime story you will ever read!” Amen to that.

The 159-page book is \$35 per copy for hardback and \$19.95 for paperback. I would strongly recommend that clubs and organizations invite Miller to give you a program about this subject and hold a book signing. This is an original Wyoming work and one of its most compelling.

Bill Sniffin is a retired newspaper publisher who has penned a number of books about Wyoming. Check out additional columns written by Bill at www.billsniffin.com, and find volumes from his coffee table book series, which have sold over 30,000 copies, for sale at the News Letter Journal.

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- Yes
- No

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Joslyn Conzelman, Sophie Tschacher, Michael Qualheim, Jordan Hillhouse, Sommer Buchanan, Kaiden Branum

Thank you Grazer's Burgers for hosting this month's Lil' Dogie Lunch, and partnering with Newcastle Elementary School to reward students who display good citizenship by helping others.

Obituaries

HAZEL RUTH (BORGIALLI) JOHNSON
May 6, 1935–March 25, 2022
 Hazel Ruth (Borgialli) Johnson, 86, of Four Corners, passed away on March 25, 2022, at home.

Born on the family ranch southwest of Newcastle, Wyo., she was the daughter of John C. (Charley) Borgialli and Naomi Ruth (Van Sickle) Borgialli. Hazel was the third of six children and attended school at the Borgialli School, Lone Tree, Newcastle High School and received her teaching degree from the University of Wyoming.

At her first teaching job in Hulett she met the love of her life, Lorin Dean Johnson, who was also teaching there. They were married on Aug. 16, 1959. To this union one child was born, Lori Deane.

She taught Home Economics for 35 years in several towns throughout Wyoming including Hulett, Rock River, Pavillion, Basin and Sheridan. After retiring she joined Lori in operating the Four Corners Store & Diner and later the Four Corners Country Inn. She loved sewing, a skill that she acquired through 4-H. She enjoyed cooking for family gatherings and she was known for her candy making.

Hazel thought it was a shame that the old Boyd Church sat on her property, but wasn't being used as a church. So, she and Lori started a Bible study there and later offered the use of the building to what is now the Country Church. Hazel was a member of the church from the beginning.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lorin; parents, Charley and Ruth; brothers, Tom, Harry and Bill Borgialli.

She is survived by her daughter, Lori Deane; brother, Robert H. Borgialli; sister,

Dorothy Mae Bartlett; and numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Hazel is at peace with the Lord, whom she loved so much. The family reunion in Heaven has begun and surely Lorin was waiting for her with yellow roses.

Funeral services will be held on April 2 at 10 a.m. at the Four Square Lighthouse Church in Newcastle. Interment will be at Greenwood Cemetery. Viewing will be one hour before the funeral service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Newcastle Ambulance Service. Memorials and condolences may be sent in care of Meridian Mortuary, 111 S. Railroad Ave., Newcastle, WY 82701. Condolences may also be expressed at meridianmortuary.com.



Hazel Johnson

RANDY DOIL MORGAN
April 6, 1958–March 21, 2022

Randy Doil Morgan was born April 6, 1958, in Monticello, Utah, to Larry and Sandra Morgan. He was brother to LeAnn, and Laura. He attended Newcastle High School in Newcastle, Wyo., graduating in 1976.

He was father to three children, Shannon, Shaun, and Chance, and grandfather to Elliot and Cohen.

Randy enjoyed fishing, cruising around the Black Hills while listening to loud rock music, going to Deadwood, and football. He loved the Wyoming Cowboys, and the New England Patriots, especially Tom Brady.

Randy passed away peacefully at Monument Health in Rapid City, S.D., with his sisters by his side, on March 21, 2022, at the age of 63. His family loved him dearly.

He is survived by his father, Larry



Randy Morgan

Morgan of Spearfish, S.D.; sisters, LeAnn Morgan of Newcastle, and Laura (Jay) Marchant of Hot Springs, S.D.; daughter, Shannon Dee Morgan of Springfield, Mo.; son, Shaun Randy (Meleah) Morgan of Springfield; son, Chance Paul Morgan of Laramie, Wyo.; grandsons, Elliot, and Cohen Morgan of Springfield; nieces, Eliza (Doug) Dollison of Newcastle, Melody Marchant of Hot Springs, and Leilani (Jason) Williams of Newcastle; great-nephew, Tristin Dollison; great-nieces, Ashlyn and Holly Dollison; one uncle; and numerous aunts and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Sandra Morgan; paternal grandparents, Doil Morgan and Ilene Phoenix; maternal grandparents, Albert Schwandner and Laura Howe.

As Randy requested, a private memorial will be held at his favorite fishing spot at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to Kinkadee Funeral Chapel, 1235 Junction Avenue, Sturgis, SD, 57785 or kinkadefunerals.com.

HENRY 'HANK' CURTIS VICKERS
June 2, 1924–March 27, 2022

Henry Curtis Vickers passed away at home on March 27, 2022, in Newcastle, Wyo.

Hank was born June 2, 1924, in Detroit Lakes, Minn.

The funeral will be held on Saturday, April 2, at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. It will be followed by a reception at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Alley Cat Rescue in Newcastle, in Hank's honor. A full obituary will follow.



Henry Vickers

Book signing




Local author Tara Conklin made an appearance at the Weston County Library in Newcastle on Wednesday, Mar. 23, from 10 a.m. to noon to sign books. On the left, Conklin signs one of her books for a fan. Above, local supporters show up to visit with Conklin.

Photos by KateLynn Slaamot/NLJ

faith & values

Daily Devotional Reading

April 1 John 11:1-27	April 5 Luke 15:1-10
April 2 John 11:28-57	April 6 Luke 15:11-32
April 3 Luke 14:1-14	April 7 Luke 16:1-18
April 4 Luke 14:15-35	Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society

- **ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH:** Rev. Norm Brotzman, 216 S. Seneca, 746-2249. Call to Worship 9:30 am; Children's Church during Call to Worship; Faith Rally Sunday 6 pm
- **BAHA'I FAITH:** Firesides (Open to All) 1st & 3rd Fridays 7:30 pm at 15 Skyview Dr, 746-3626
- **CAMBRIA COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH:** 19 Stampede St. 746-2321. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship 10:30 am; Youth (6-12 grades) and Adult Bible Study Sunday Evening 6-7 pm; Wednesday Night Youth and Adult Bible Study 6 pm; Life Recovery Bible Study Sunday Night 7 pm
- **CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH:** S. Summit & Winthrop Streets. 746-9684. haydishall@hotmail.com. Service times: Sunday 10 a.m
- **CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Pastor Rob Carr, 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9 am
- **CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS:** Bishop Ty Checketts, 120 Ash, 746-4131. Sunday Sacrament Mtg 9:00 am; Sunday School 10:20 am; Relief Society & Priesthood Mtg 11:15 am
- **CHURCH ON THE HILL:** Pastor Wayne Wilson, 301 Delaware, 746-9663. Adult Sunday School 9:30 am; Prayer 10:15 am; Worship 10:45 am; Prayer Service Tuesday 6 PM; Undeafated Youth/children's ministry (3 years old- 12th Grade) Wednesday 6:00 pm
- **CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Brian Hess, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5 pm; Sunday Mass 8 am; Weekday Mass 7 am
- **COUNTRY CHURCH:** Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley and Micah Popma, 746-9712. Worship 10 am
- **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:** Interim Pastor Ben Roberts, 903 S. Summit, 746-2188. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Evening Service 6 pm;

- AWANA Clubs Wednesday 6:30 pm
- **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Rev. Ron Sample, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Adult Bible Study 8:45 am; Traditional Church Services 10:00 am; 10:15 am Children's Church; Youth Group Sunday evenings 5:30-7 pm
- **GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Jon Andersen, 12 Old Hwy. 85, Evangelical Free Church, Bible Study 9:15 am, Worship 10:30 am. Call 949-0869
- **KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES:** 5018 US Hwy 16, 746-2319 or 746-4517. Tuesday 7:00 pm. Congregation Bible Study, Theocratic Ministry School and Service Meeting, Sunday Public Talk 10 am; Watchtower 11 am
- **NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sun. Worship 10 am; Wed. Night Prayer
- **OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH:** 348 Sheridan St. in Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm
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- **SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST:** Pastor Lester Bently 612-240-7536, 78 Old Hwy 85, Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11 am
- **ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Brian Hess, Upton. Sunday Mass 5 pm
- **UPTON UNITED METHODIST AM:** Pastor Donnie Holt, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Worship 9 am; Fellowship 10 am
- **VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH:** Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366

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This is a picture of Mr. Noah Morgan in his pool hall in September of 1927 in Newcastle.

Recapture

A PIECE OF HISTORY

25 Years Ago
April 3, 1997

Recent lockdowns at Newcastle High School spawned rumors ranging from the school bringing in drug sniffing dogs to preparing for a terrorist attack. Principal Brad LaCroix told the school board last week that two lockdowns had been held and that for one of them, law enforcement was present.

"I retired to play," said Virginia Porter Monday. "I felt the need to make a change about two years ago." This avid University of Wyoming Cowboy fan and grandmother is anxious to finish up the business of closing Newcastle Jewelry and Gifts store so she can get on with playtime.

Newcastle has been named a Tree City USA. This is the second time that Newcastle has been so honored. The Tree City USA honor comes from the National Arbor Day Foundation, a nonprofit educa-

tion organization dedicated to tree planting and environmental stewardship.

Sarah Farber broke the high school discus record while still in eighth grade last year. Her record-breaking throw didn't count then in the record books, but last Thursday's throw at the meet in Scottsbluff does. Farber's throw was 112' 3 1/2" to set a new high school record and the season's just begun.

Heath Brown started off the Dogie track season in fine style as he grabbed first place in the 1600 meter run. Brown's time was 5:11.6. Also running the race was Myles Richards. Finishing second place in the relay meet at Scottsbluff were Ty Farella, Seth Rhoades, Josh Parsons and Chris Pzinski, who combined for a time of 1:39.7 in the 4x200 relay.

Sixty Newcastle Middle School choir and band students attended the Northeast District Solo and Ensemble Festival at Kaycee on Saturday, March 22.

Students performed before an adjudicator who critiqued their solo or ensemble performance, with a rating of I for superior, II for an excellent, III for good and IV for poor.

50 Years Ago
March 30, 1972

The annual Easter egg hunt for children of the Newcastle area will be Saturday, Apr. 1. The scramble for eggs will begin at 1 in the afternoon at Dow Park in west Newcastle. The hunt is sponsored by the Newcastle Lions Club.

Bill Lunney and Walt Christensen, Newcastle high school seniors; Lance Wineteer, a junior and Doug Carr a sophomore have all been named to the all conference wrestling team.

Weston County Sheriff Willis Larson has reported the killing of livestock by dog packs running wild. Dogs have been running in packs near Osage and north of Newcastle. Larson is urging persons to keep control

of their dogs and the Sheriff's department is patrolling the areas and will kill dogs if found.

Newcastle high school golf coach Tom Harder has two lettermen and five other promising golfers on the spring squad. Lettermen are Jim Marshall, fifth in state golf meet in class A last fall, and Mike Scissons. Others on the squad are Dave Foertsch, John Ellis, Thor Stephenson, Bill Norton and Steve Myrum.

Ethel Carr attended a double shower at the home of Mrs. Glen Hutt on Monday evening. These were baby showers and the honored guest were Mrs. Erickson and Mrs. Oliver.

Kenneth and Jessie Whitney and Mrs. Martin were callers at the Clyde Bayne home on Tuesday evening. Margaret Hutt visited at Sandy Fillingers on Tuesday afternoon.

Orin Carr helped on Wednesday and Thursday while sheep were sheared at the Edgar Whitney ranch. Ethel Carr helped Sally cook on both Wednesday and Thursday.

Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Standsbury of Hermosa visited at the Orin Carr ranch. The Standsburys helped Ethel Carr haul a cow to Edgemont for treatment.

John Hutt worked at the Hansen ranch Sunday morning repairing Glen's tractor for him. Mrs. Martin and Jessie Whitney drove to Pine Bluffs on Monday for medical treatment.

100 Years Ago
March 30, 1922

This afternoon and evening, March 30 the Sollers' recital will be given at the Library club rooms. The program for the afternoon will be Mr. Sollers' first-year students, and in the evening the advanced students. There will be no charge. Everyone that can should attend as Mr. Sollers has put forth special effort in arranging this program of his students.

It is reported that a resident of Newcastle received a letter from an official of the Midwest Refining Co. to the effect that the company would not drill a test well on the Skull Creek structure. The reason given is that there did not seem to be sufficient enthusiasm and that some of the land owners were asking bonuses for their leases which the company would not pay for wildest acreage.

Manager Bailey of the Glen Oil Co. has sent a telegraphic order for a new drilling line and is rapidly getting supplies ready to start a well with standard rig, on 30-46-63.

Weston County Health Center Association has called a meeting of great importance to be held Saturday evening at the Library Club rooms. This meeting was called for March 21, but was postponed for various reasons. The meeting to be held Saturday evening is to discuss ways and means to continue the hospital. The contract under the present management of Miss McCullough, will expire April 9 and therefore, everyone interested in the welfare of the county hospital should attend this meeting. Matters of great importance will come up.

The Clerk of District Court's Office will be closed April 8, 2022, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to attend the robing ceremony for Hon. Matthew F. G. Castano, the new Sixth Judicial District Judge.

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<i>April 2022</i>			
<i>Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar</i>			
Fri. Apr. 1	8AM 9AM 1PM 5:30PM	TOPS #322 Caramel Rolls Bridge BINGO	W.C. Senior Center W.C. Senior Center W.C. Senior Center VFW Hall
Sat. Apr. 2	10-2PM	Girl Scout Cookie Booth	Gateway Travel Center
Apr. 4-8		Used book sale	W.C. Library
Mon. Apr. 4	9AM 1PM 11AM-5:45PM 7PM 7PM	Exercise Class Dominoes Blood Drive Alcoholics Anonymous Newcastle City Council	W.C. Senior Center W.C. Senior Center W.C. Senior Center W.C. Senior Center City Council Chambers
Tues. Apr. 5	8:30AM-2PM 9AM 11AM 1PM	Blood Drive WC Commissioners Story time Bridge	Newcastle High School Library W.C. Courthouse W.C. Library W.C. Senior Center
Wed. Apr. 6	6:30-8:30AM 7-9AM 9AM 9AM NOON 1PM 5:30PM 6PM 7PM	Wellness Wednesday Wellness Wednesday Exercise Class Toe Nail Clinic Lions Club Marathon Bridge Friends of Fair WC Travel Commission Jr. Livestock Committee	WCHS Upton Medical Clinic W.C. Senior Center W.C. Senior Center W.C. Senior Center W.C. Senior Center Fairgrounds, W.C. Event Center Newcastle Lodge and Convention Center W.C. Fairgrounds Office
Thurs. Apr. 7	7AM 1PM 2-4PM 2PM 4:30PM 5:30-7PM 7PM 7:30PM	TOPS #218 Crafts Deb Sewell Retirement Party American Legion Auxiliary Mtg. WC Museum District Mtg. Adventures in Learning Night, see ad pg 8 Alcoholics Anonymous Masons #13	W.C. Senior Center W.C. Senior Center First State Bank Lobby W.C. Senior Center Anna Miller Museum High School Cafeteria W.C. Senior Center Masonic Hall

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County population is down State sees overall increase in numbers

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

Weston County was one of the eight counties in Wyoming that experienced a decrease in population from July of 2020 to July of 2021, according to a March 24 report from the Wyoming Economic Analysis Division. Fifteen counties, and Wyoming as a whole, saw an increase in population during the same period.

According to the report, Weston County's population dropped 0.9% or 64 people over the course of the year. The total number of people residing in Weston County in July 2021 was 6,745.

Statewide, the population grew slightly to 578,803, according to the U.S. Census Bureau estimates used in the report. The increase over the year totaled 1,536 persons or 0.3%, higher than the U.S. average of 0.1%.

"Two factors contributed to the change in population – natural change, which is the difference between births and deaths, and net migration, the difference between people moving into and out of an area," the report says. "At the state level, the net migration was 1,368, meaning that 1,368 more people moved into Wyoming than moved out between July 2020 and July 2021. The natural

change accounted for only 171 (6,213 births less 6,042 deaths)."

According to the county breakdown, Weston County's natural change was minus 38 with 52 births and 90 deaths between July 2020 and July 2021. Net migration during the same period was minus 27.

From April of 2020 to July of 2021, the report states, Weston County's population declined by 93 with a natural change of minus 26 and a migration change of minus 58. The total change for the same period was a county population decline of 1.4%.

As far as other counties go, population declines ranged from 0.3% to 1.3% while increases in population ranged from 0.2% to 2.4%.

"Lincoln County led the state with the fastest growth rate of 2.4%, followed by Sheridan (2.1%), Crook (1.9%), and Johnson (1.9%) counties. Campbell and Sweetwater counties suffered the steepest decreases, (minus) 1.5 and (minus) 1.3 percent, respectively," the report says. "Laramie, the largest county, grew 0.2%, while Natrona, the second largest county, lost 674 residents, (minus) 0.8% during the year. These two Metropolitan Statistics Areas (MSAs) in the state had added the most residents between 2010 and 2020."

Sharing stories



Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ

Don Taylor, with stories of his time serving in the Gulf War and lessons he learned from home, hits a deep connection with the other veterans who attended the free veterans breakfast at Weston County Senior Center on March 8. Also pictured is Don DaFoe.

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To make an appointment, go to WHF.Health/Appointments or call WHF at 800-979-3711

COMMUNITY WELLNESS SCREENING EVENT



April 7, 6:30–9 a.m. @ Nelson Admin. Building, 804 Willow St., Upton
April 8 & 9, 6:30–10:30 a.m. @ W.C. Senior Center, 627 Pine St., Newcastle

WHF recommends 12 hours of fasting prior to blood draw. Drink plenty of water and take medications as usual. Blood Pressure and Body Fat Analysis/ BMI Screenings are available at no charge!

Screenings Recommended Yearly

- ♥ **\$45 Blood Chemistry Panel** - Full 33 level screening includes heart, kidney and liver functions, with lipid panel, total cholesterol, HDL, LDL and triglycerides. Also electrolyte levels, protein, iron, fasting glucose, and TSH uric acid and NEW FOR 2017, Carbon Dioxide. *Recommended 12 hour fasting, unless diabetic.*
- ♥ **\$35 Hemogram (CBC) with Differential** - A complete blood count of red and white blood cells and platelets. Also, screens for anemia, infections and other blood disorders. Shows size of red blood cells and hemoglobin concentration.
- ♥ **\$40 Hemoglobin A1C** - Measures historical blood sugar control for up to three months. This test is recommended for diabetics or those with family history of high blood sugar.
- ♥ **\$45 PSA for Men** - Screening for Prostate Cancer in men over age 50. However, if there is a family history of Prostate Cancer, it is recommended at age 40.

Vitamin Screenings

- ♥ **\$55 Vitamin D, 25 Hydroxy** - Provides an assessment of overall Vitamin D status for the screening of deficiency or toxicity. This test measures both D2 and D3 together & reports a total 25-hydroxy Vitamin D. There are several factors associated with an increased risk of developing Vitamin D deficiency.
- ♥ **\$50 Vitamin B12, with Folate** - Detects B12 deficient or elevated levels. B12 aids in the health of cells and nerves. *Recommend fasting, unless Diabetic.*

Thyroid Screenings

- ♥ **\$35 Thyroid Panel 1** - Includes three levels for the T3 uptake (THBR), T4 (Thyroxine), and free Thyroxine index/ calculation.
- ♥ **\$60 Thyroid Panel 2** - Measures Free T4 (Free Thyroxine), the amount of unbound (active) T4 and provides a more accurate assessment of thyroid function; and Free T3 (unbound T3).
- ♥ **\$85 T3, Reverse** - The Reverse T3 (RT3) measures the inactive form of the hormone.
- ♥ **\$50 Thyroid Antibodies** - Looks for several types of antibodies which the body develops when a person has an autoimmune disorder.

Additional Screenings

- ♥ **\$87 SAR-CoV-2 Antibody Screening** - SAR-CoV-2 is the disease that causes COVID-19. This test has been authorized only for detecting the presence of antibodies against SAR-CoV-2, not any other viruses or pathogens.
- ♥ **\$40 Blood Type** - Determination of ABO blood group type and Rh factor.
- ♥ **\$55 Men's Testosterone, Total** - Screening used to evaluate testosterone hormone levels.
- ♥ **\$65 Celiac Screening - tTG/IgA** screening detects antibodies that aid in the diagnosis of gluten-sensitive enteropathy (GSE), such as celiac disease and dermatitis herpetiformis.
- ♥ **\$60 Hepatitis C Antibody** - This test checks for an active hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection.

Questions?
Contact Denice Piscioti at 307-746-3755



**Weston County
Health Services**

Reports

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The two most recently filed cases, according to a press release from the Upton Police Department, include incidents that happened from December 2021 to January 2022 and another that is alleged to have happened in 2007 and continued into fall of 2021.

"I'm not sure why we are having so many. It just seems people are stepping forward," Stone said, noting that a majority of the cases involve individuals the victims knew.

"Sexual abuse is not a

stranger crime. Statistically one in five girls are going to be sexually abused, and one in 10 boys will be. Most are abused by people that they know," she said. "It is very rare to have a stranger sexual abuse."

If you or someone you know is a victim of sexual abuse, Stone said, there are several resources available, including counseling. Any and all suspected abuse cases, she noted, should be reported to the Newcastle Police Department, Weston County Sheriff's Office or the Wyoming

Department of Family Services. "Every person in Wyoming is a mandated reporter. Everyone is supposed to step forward if they suspect child abuse, that includes sexual assault," Stone said.


Signs that a child may have been abused include acting sexualized, bed wetting, nightmares, drawing sexual images and acting out sexually, among other symptoms. A full list of symptoms can be found at wyomingcac.org/prevent-child-abuse/signs-of-child-abuse.

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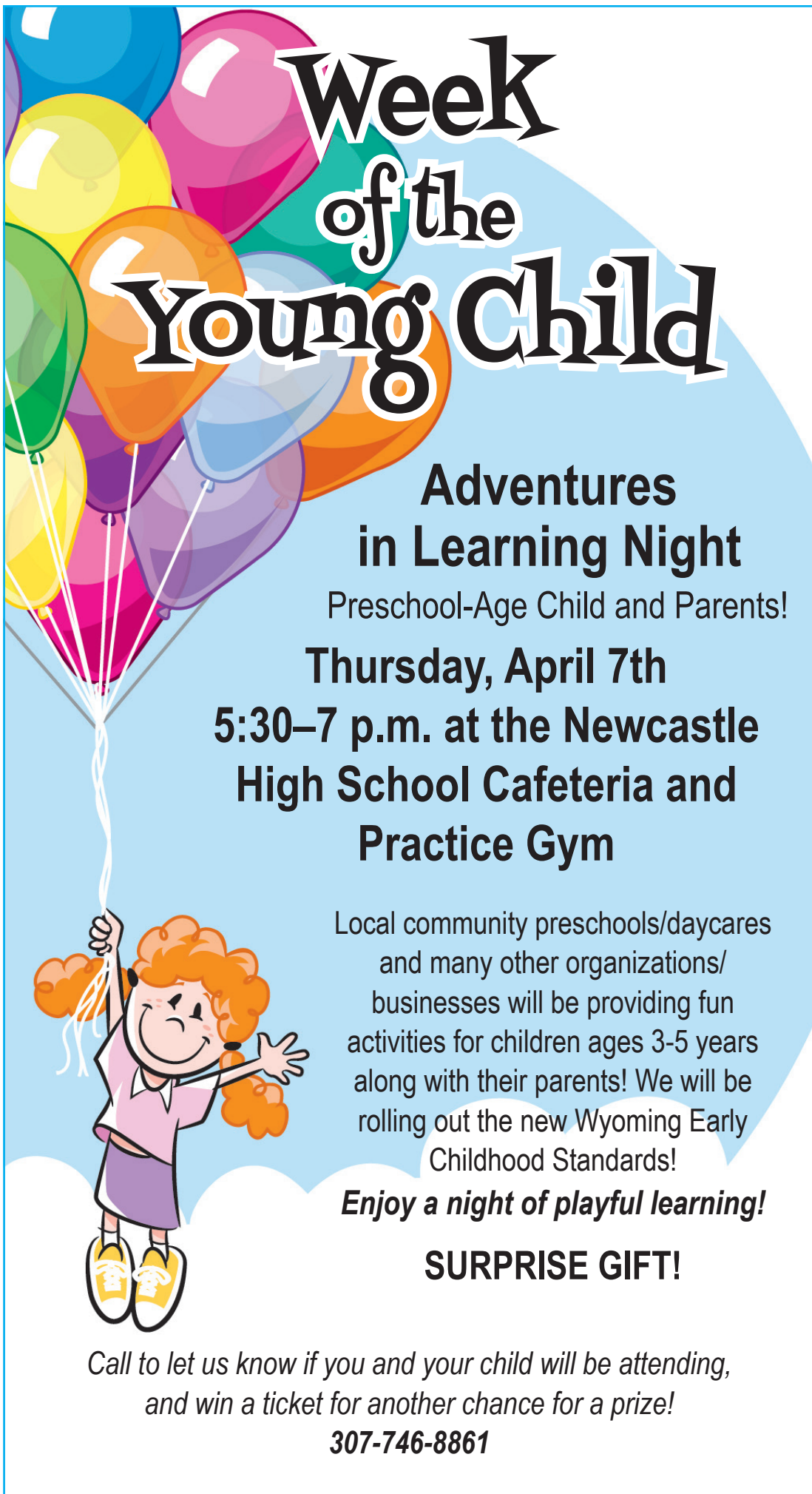


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needed to work to help support his family. Mike, Hutchinson's husband, said Clark was willing to work for anybody.

Barn dances were a popular form of entertainment and socialization, and in 1939, Clark met Elaine Sorenson. The two wrote letters for a few years while Elaine finished her high school career and Clark worked as a ranch hand for Louis Smith and then Albert Oakley Banks. In the summer of 1941, the couple married and lived on the Banks ranch. They stayed at that ranch for over 30 years, Hutchinson said, working as ranch hands and managers before leasing the land in 1954. The Clarks were the owners of the equipment and livestock. The land they ranched and farmed was over 8,000 acres, including forest permits and school section lands. They raised cattle, sheep and pigs, and wheat, oats, hay and alfalfa were among their crops.

Horses were one of Clark's first loves, Hutchinson said, and he was constantly doing something with horses, whether riding, training or driving a team. He even fed cattle in the winter with his sleigh. Hutchinson said it was exciting for her when she got to go with him, and especially when she got to drive the team. Joanne Nicholas, another of Clark's daughters, said that he even had horses they could ride Roman style, which meant standing up, one leg on each horse.

"He had a great love and understanding of horses. It was natural to him. He learned to break and ride horses at a very young age and had a true gift with a team of horses, breaking many to drive and pull a sleigh or wagon. He always had at least two teams of work horses that were used to feed cattle in the winter," Hutchinson said. Elaine also had a great love for horses, and the two often took rides together.

Clark and Elaine's five children, James, Joanne, Judy, Janet and Larry, were all raised on the ranch — helping with various chores and ranch work.

"He instilled in his children a hard work ethic, and to always cowboy up," Hutchinson said.

And that work ethic wasn't only taught to his children — it was exemplified by Clark as well. Hutchinson said that he often ranched during the light of day and did farm work at night, using the light on his tractor to see. He, in turn, also expected hard work from his children.

"I helped to feed the chickens and gather eggs as a child, and then we also had milk cows. At one point on the ranch, we had seven milk cows, ... then we would sell the cream and eggs in town to people. So, I learned to milk a cow at an early age," Hutchinson said. "One of my favorite chores was feeding the bum lambs and calves," Hutchinson added.

The family had a permit that allowed them to graze their cattle on U.S. Forest Service land that bordered the ranch so



Photo by Katelynn Slaamot/NLJ

Janet Hutchinson with the plaque awarded when her father, Straitor Clark, was inducted into the Wyoming Cowboy Hall of Fame.

every day someone would have to ride in and check the cattle. Hutchinson always enjoyed helping with that task. If there were problems, they would have to rope the calves and doctor them right there.

Nicholas remembers her father's hard work and diligence, and she appreciated those invaluable lessons from her dad.

"You didn't say you couldn't do something; you just did what you needed to do. If you didn't know how to do it, then you learned how to do it," Nicholas said.

She added that her dad used to say, "You'll never be sorry you know how to do everything."

The lessons of hard work, new life in the spring, confidence and all the other knowledge that comes with a ranching lifestyle are gifts that Clark's children say they are grateful for.

"It's a gift from God to get to be on the land and working it, and you want to bring that glory to God through your work," Hutchinson said.

And being a good steward of what God had gifted him was just what Clark did. Hutchinson said they always made sure fences were in good condition and never overgrazed their land.

In 1970, when Hutchinson was only 15 years old, Banks died and the heirs to his ranch sold it. The Clarks had to sell all their livestock and equipment and move to Sundance.

Hutchinson hadn't realized before then that they didn't own the ranch, she said, and was heartbroken as she left the only home she had known. She still kept her 4-H animals and a horse.

Even after moving to Sundance, however, Clark continued with his avid community

He had a great love and understanding of horses. It was natural to him. He learned to break and ride horses at a very young age and had a true gift with a team of horses, breaking many to drive and pull a sleigh or wagon."

— Janet Hutchinson, Daughter of Straitor Clark

involvement and hardworking ways. He bought a tractor and helped move snow in town. He also continued to help in 4-H. Clark was also employed with the Wyoming Highway Department until he was 70.

Clark didn't give up on ranch work either, knowing that was something he never truly wanted to stop doing. On many occasions, he helped out local ranchers with chores that needed done.

Clark died in 2008 at the age of 96, yet his legacy lives on. Starting from nothing, he truly built a life for himself and his family, Hutchinson said.

"One of his last wishes was to be buried with his boots on," Hutchinson said.

Hutchinson and Nicholas are proud of their father's legacy, so his being honored in the Wyoming Cowboy Hall of Fame means a lot.

"I was just really happy that they recognized my dad. He was definitely a Wyoming cowboy. He was born and raised in Wyoming. ... I learned a lot from him, and of course I loved him very much," Nicholas said.



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4/8	Spearfish High School (Queen City Classic)	A TBA

NHS Ladies' Soccer		
4/1	Buffalo HS	H 3PM
4/5	Gering High School	A 4PM
4/9	Rawlins HS	A NOON

NHS Men's Soccer		
4/1	Buffalo HS	A 3PM
4/5	Gering High School	A 4PM
4/9	Rawlins HS	A NOON

HS Rodeo		
4/1-3/22	Laramie HS	A
4/8-10/22	Rock Springs	A

Spring tired

There's just nothing like "Spring Semester Tired." That is the utter exhaustion you feel beginning in late February and lasting through the end of May. It affects teachers, administrators, students, athletes and parents and, though most of the things that go on during these three months are exciting and fun, they also end up sapping a great deal of energy from all of us.

March begins the busiest time of year for high school students, athletes and all involved in extracurricular activities.

Culminating events for swimming, wrestling and basketball

take kids and teachers out of school for both the regional and state events.

FBLA, FFA, FCCLA and Speech also have their regional and state events which

take students and teachers out of school.

Science fairs and other competitions pull students and teachers from the classroom.

Spring concerts and other musical events don't take kids out of school, but do put an extra workload on all involved in putting on these productions.

State and national testing days interfere with the instructional activities of the school.

In a school as small as ours, what this means is that quite a few kids are pulled in several different directions, and though every effort is made to ensure that these different events don't conflict with others so students don't have to choose, that very thing can present a situation in which a student is absent for quite a bit of school.

I know kids who are involved in several different activities who have missed full weeks of classes

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Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Editor



Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ

Tara Carter had a busy first competition last Friday at the Laura Chord Memorial in Newcastle. The sophomore finished fourth in the mile, 10th in the 800 Meter race and recorded a leap of 10 feet, and one-half inch in the long jump.

Kicking off with memorial meet

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Editor

Dogie tracksters got their season underway Friday as they hosted the annual Laura Chord Memorial track meet. Often, Wyoming weather gets in the way of the only home meet of the season, but this year it was all systems go, and head coach Chad Ostenson's crew was ready to bust out of the blocks.

"It was good to get one in, and we don't take that for granted around here because a lot of times we have to cancel," Ostenson began. "We're a young team so it was good to see some of those kids fight their way into the thick of things."

Freshman Thatcher Troftgruben finished third in the 800 Meter Run in 2:15, and second in the mile in 5:15:45, while his classmate Sam Scribner finished right behind him for third in the

mile with a time of 5:31.03. Sophomore Teegan Hatheway was third in the 2 Mile Run with a time of 12:11.51.

Scribner is also trying his hand at pole vaulting in his first year as a varsity trackster. He finished 10th in his debut clearing 8 feet, 4 inches.

Junior Holden McConkey started his season well, finishing eighth in the 100 Meter Dash and fifth in the 200 Meter Dash. His times of 12.04 and 24.69 were both faster than the times he put

up a year ago at this meet.

"Holden had a good day," Ostenson said. "It was good to see him start off well, and he will only get faster as the year goes on."

Sophomore Colton Vanderpool Mobley also got off to a great start by finishing seventh in the 200 Meter Race with a time of 25.44 seconds and 13th in the 100 Meter Dash in

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Ladies go 2-2 in opening weekend

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Editor

The Lady Dogies kicked off their season last weekend in Pinedale where they shut out two teams, were shut out by two teams, and finished just shy of the consolation championship title. Head coach Jessie Stearns, in her first season at the helm, was pleased with how her team performed over the two-day tournament.

"I am happy with the weekend and I think we played

really well in the two games we won," Stearns began. "If we had played that way against Worland and Douglas, they would have been entirely different games."

Their first contest on Friday afternoon had the Lady Dogies pitted against the No. 3-ranked Worland Lady Warriors. Despite a valiant effort by keeper Angel Perez, who had 12 saves on the day, Worland was able to take the 4-0 victory.

"I think knowing that Worland was a good, solid

team had our girls a little in their heads," Stearns said. "You could really see there were some first game jitters. Once we had that one under our belts, we relaxed and played much better in our next two games."

Gabby McVay was the only Lady Dogie to get off any shots on goal, and went 0-2, however keeper Angel Perez was solid in the goal saving 12 of Worland's attempts.

"Worland would have scored quite a few more goals if Angel

hadn't been in goal," Stearns reported. "And she just missed saving the fourth one, so it could have been even closer."

Perez got her hand on the ball, but couldn't quite get it pushed out far enough. The ball hit the inside of the post and found its way to the back of the net.

A quick turnaround had the Lady Dogies taking on Rawlins, in their second contest of the day. This time, it was Newcastle's turn for a shutout. A perfect hat trick for

McVay, as well as Kyah Miller shooting 1-1, combined with five saves by Perez, gave the Lady Dogies the 4-0 win.

The Lady Dogies looked like a totally different squad in this contest. Combined, the team had 13 shots on goal coming from six different players.

"We moved the ball much better, and one difference from the Worland game is that I moved Kyah to the center defensive mid and I played

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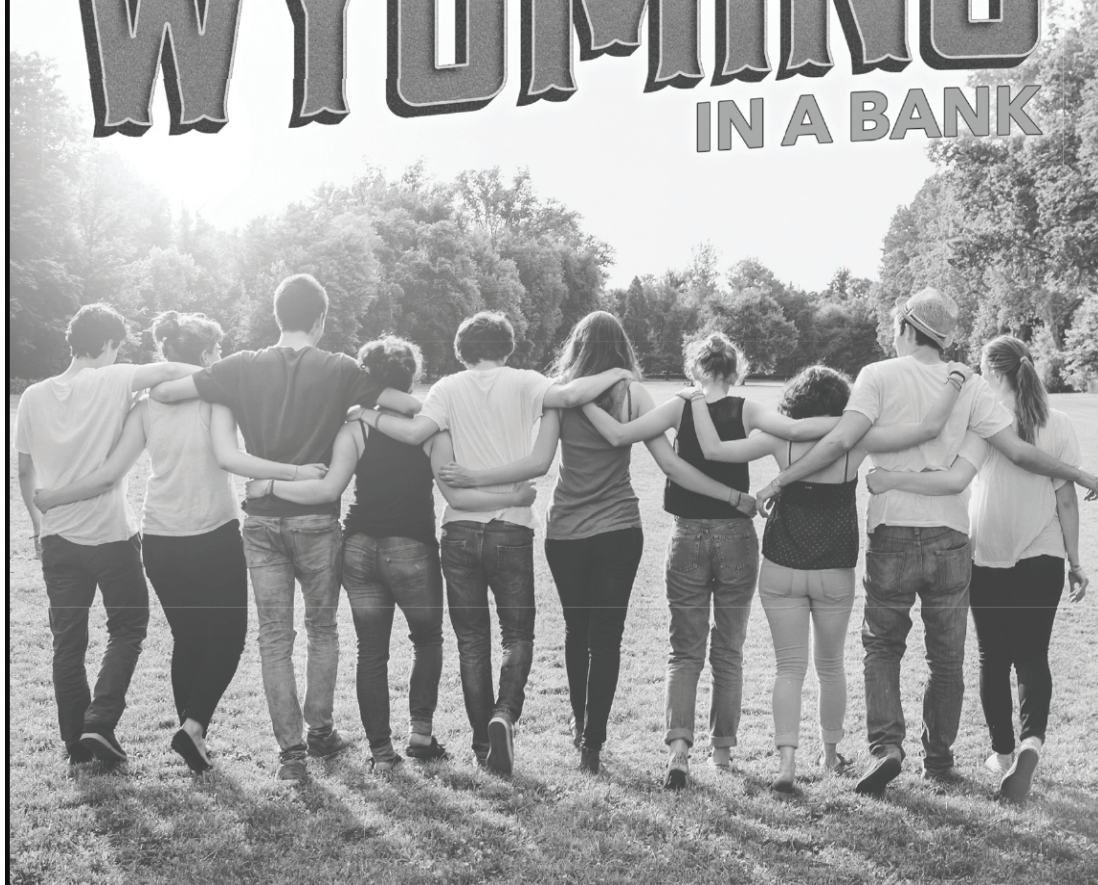
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Season opens in Worland

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Editor

After losing out on their opening weekend contest, the Dogies kicked off their season with the challenge of taking on the No. 1-ranked Powell Panthers Friday at the Worland Jamboree.

The Panthers would finish just shy of the title, falling to Worland 0-1 in the championship game, and in this opening contest got the better of Newcastle 8-0.

“It was our first game and their third by that point, so that factored into how we played,” head coach Elyse Dickey began. “And though we have a lot of guys returning from last season, I had mixed up the line-up and moved a majority of them around, so they had to get accustomed to the position changes, which took a minute.”

As the Dogies maneuvered the logistics of playing in different positions, and thereby working in tangent with new or different players, there were some kinks to work out.

“We still saw glimpses of good runs and good connections that we didn’t see until the end of last season,” Dickey said. “So that was good to still bring some of that in right away.”

Though the score was lopsided, and the Dogies didn’t manage to get off a shot on goal, the scoring was pretty even throughout the contest indicating that Newcastle played pretty consistently throughout, which was an issue that plagued the team last season.

Goalkeeper Hayden Overman finished the contest with 13 saves.

The Dogies had to quickly rebound from the loss as they were back on the field just a little over an hour later to face Riverton in their second contest of the day.

“The guys took into consideration that Powell is a good team, and that was our first game of the season, so when we came back to play Riverton the way

NHS Men’s Soccer

Newcastle @ Worland Jamboree 3/25-26/22
Newcastle v. Powell 3/25/22 0-8
Hayden Overman: 13 saves

Newcastle v. Riverton 3/25/22 0-2 OT
Cael Holmes: 0-1 shot on goal
Avery Chick: 0-1 shot on goal
Dylan McFarlin: 0-1 shot on goal
Hayden Overman: 27 saves

Newcastle v. Lyman 3/26/22 1-4 OT
Aidan Chick: 0-4 shots on goal
Cael Holmes: 0-1 shot on goal
Ezra Anderson: 0-2 shots on goal
Mads Svensson: 1-1 shot on goal
Dylan McFarlin: 0-3 shots on goal
JJ Lipp: 0-1 shot on goal
Hayden Overman: 8 saves

we came out was awesome,” Dickey said. “It was great to see us shake it off and move forward instead of dwelling on the game before.”

The Dogies appeared to have recovered well and to have adjusted to their new positions as they held Riverton scoreless throughout the game, and although Newcastle didn’t score either, they were able to get off three shots on goal.

“We possessed a lot of the time, but a lot of it was played in the middle third of the field,” Dickey explained. “We moved a lot better together and communicated much better. We also made better connections than we had against Powell.”

In the defensive battle that it was, the game was tied at zero at the end of regulation, so the Dogies found themselves in their first shootout of the season. In a shootout, each team gets five shots on goal, alternating possessions, which in essence are penalty kick opportunities with just the shooter and the keeper going mano-a-mano.

Riverton hit their first three attempts, while Newcastle was not able to get a shot on frame. As such, the Dogies dropped the contest 0-2 in overtime.

Cael Holmes, Avery Chick and Dylan McFarlin each had one shot on goal during the contest and Overman ended with an amazing 27 saves in the game.

The Dogies were back on the pitch at 9 a.m. on Saturday

morning to face off against Lyman. Once again, the Dogies held strong defensively to deny the Eagles a goal during regulation and put a great deal more offensive pressure on them, getting off 12 shots on goal from six different players.

“We dominated and possessed the ball most of the game against Lyman,” Dickey said. “We could have had even more shots, but we maybe took a dribble or two too many or we passed a little too far ahead of our offense which gave their defense a chance to recover the ball.”

The Dogies had an opportunity to get on the board, having been awarded a penalty kick with about eight minutes remaining, however the shot went wide left so for the second game in a row, the score was knotted up at zero at the end of regulation with the Dogies once again faced with an overtime shootout situation.

Up first for Newcastle was Mads Svensson who was able to find the back of the net to give his team a 1-0 lead. Lyman tied it up with their first shot, and went on to complete their next three while Newcastle was unable to convert, so they dropped the game 1-4.

Aidan Chick, Ezra Anderson, Holmes, McFarlin, Svensson and JJ Lipp all had shots on goal and Overman ended the contest with eight saves.

The loss ended their weekend of competition, and although their record doesn’t necessarily reflect it, Dickey felt pretty good about how her team performed.

“We talked about the fact that we did a lot of really good things. We just have some things we need to clean up a little bit,” Dickey said. “We really played pretty solidly and shut two teams out in regulation. We just need to stop over-thinking on offense and shoot the ball.”

On Friday the Dogies will travel to Buffalo to take on Bison on Friday with the JV game beginning at 3 p.m. and varsity to follow at around 5.

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in our A/B schedule and even more than a week. In fact, I have at least one student who I have seen in class once in the last three and a half weeks.

It’s exciting to have all of these culminating events taking place, especially when our students usually do pretty well in those events, but it’s also a lot!

There are days that start at 6 in the morning and end at 9 at night with little to no down time in between. Having your school work done before being gone, juggling deadlines of up to eight different classes, attending either sports or activities practices in the morning and/or the afternoon, then taking care of anything else you have to do in your life that is outside the school arena takes a lot out of a person.

I see kids walking around looking a little like sleepwalkers as they make their way through their day fulfilling all that is required of them.

These are all kids who do a good job handling the pressures of several different aspects of their life, but I certainly empathize with how tired and stressed they are invariably feeling.

As a teacher, the spring semester is exhausting as well. Our schedules are also full, we have to

figure out how to get through our curriculum by the end of the year while we navigate through schedules that pull our kids from our classes.

Most school employees also are part of those sports or organizations which have all the activities taking place, so they too put in time outside of the regular class day and work week while also meeting the demands of their life outside of the school arena.

By the time the summer break comes around — which begins to approach at what appears to be lightning speed as it grows nearer — the relaxation of all those demands is most definitely needed.


I am certainly not a morning person, and this is the time of year in which every morning I face an internal struggle to haul myself out of bed.

I day dream of napping and can’t wait for a little time to refresh and reinvigorate that, thankfully, the summer provides.

One positive thing about the spring semester is that it is so busy that it seems like you blink and it’s over. But while you’re in it, there is just nothing to compare with “Spring Semester Tired.”

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Leadership training




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On March 19, Roy Kern of Laramie held a training seminar for 4-H leaders. Kern has been leading 4-H since 1987 and has been training leaders since about 1992. Not only did he teach about how to safely handle and train others to handle guns, but he also hit on topics of mentoring youth, how to develop trust, instill integrity, and other topics. “Kids don’t care how much you know,” Kern said, “Until they know how much you care.”

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12.04 seconds.

The 1600 Meter Medley Relay team of McConkey, Thomas Prell, Vanderpool Mobley and Jacob Prell crossed the finish line first with a time of 4:13.20. The relay consists of two 200 meter legs, a 400 meter leg and an 800 meter leg.

Senior Braden Jenkins finished fourth in the Discus Throw, tossing it 109 yards, 1 foot, and ninth in the shot, putting it 35 feet, 5 inches. Senior Jacob Prell picked up fifth in Shotput with a 36 foot, 7 inch throw and sophomore Nate Strickland was 10th in the Discus with a 98 foot, 6 inch toss.

“Our throwers did well this weekend and Braden had a great day, finishing in the top 10 in both the shot and the disc,” Ostenson said. “And Nate kind of surprised me with how well he did in the discus on his first time out.”

The Lady Dogies also had a good day, with returning athletes putting up good times in their first meet of the season.

Junior Shelby Tidyman took a week off after basketball in order to get rested and healed up, so Ostenson was pleased with how she performed considering she was getting out for the first time. Like McConkey, she also had a faster start to her 2022 season than she did last year. In her fourth-place finish in the open 100 Meter, Tidyman edged out her 2021 time by clocking in at 13.60. She moved up to third place in the 200 Meter Dash, finishing in 28.35 which was also just a hair faster than last season.

Freshman Julie Morris had a good showing in her first varsity meet of the year, winning her heat of the 100 Meter Dash and finishing 10th overall with a time of 10.35.

NHS Track & Field

Newcastle @ Laura Chord Memorial in Newcastle 3/25/22	36. Sara Huey 17-07.25	6. Duncan Cox 13:59.78
Women's Individual Results:	Discus:	1600M Sprint Medley Relay:
100M:	5. Brylee Toth 87-01	4:13.20
4. Shelby Tidyman 13.60	7. Tiernan Stanton 85-03	1. Holden McConkey, Thomas Prell, Colton Vanderpool Mobley, Jacob Prell
10. Julie Morris 14.35	31. Elizabeth Rushton 45-03	High Jump:
200M:		11. Cage Hardy 4-10
3. Shelby Tidyman 28.35	Men's Individual Results	Long Jump:
800M:	100M:	24. Sam Scribner 15-07
9. Taylor Conklin 3:24.35	8. Holden McConkey 12.04	32. Cage Hardy 14-08
10. Tara Carter 3:25.72	13. Colton Vanderpool Mobley 12.26	39. Elijah Morrill 13-00.25
1600M:	45. Elijah Morrill 14.27	41. Jayden Corley 12-10
4. Tara Carter 7:13.08	52. Jayden Corley 14.81	Pole Vault:
7. Taylor Conklin 7:34.16	200M:	10. Sam Scribner 8-04
4x100M Relay: 56.20	5. Holden McConkey 24.69	Shot Put:
4. Elizabeth Rushton, Tiernan Stanton, Julie Morris, Shelby Tidyman	7. Colton Vanderpool Mobley 25.44	5. Jacob Prell 36-07
Pole Vault:	33. Logan Olson 28.43	9. Braden Jenkins 35-05
NH. Tara Carter	400M:	12. Aidan Gorman 32-04
Long Jump:	18. Cage Hardy 1:04.45	13. Neil Whitney 30-01.25
23. Elizabeth Rushton 12-00	800M:	20. Nate Strickland 28-01.50
30. Taylor Conklin 10-00.50	3. Thatcher Troftgruben 2:15	24. Dayne Evenson 27-07
30. Tara Carter 10-00.50	11. Logan Olson 2:31.28	25. Aidan Butler 27-04.25
ND. Julie Morris	16. Thomas Prell 2:36.87	29. Jayden Corley 25-05.50
Shot Put:	1600M:	Discus:
3. Tiernan Stanton 32-05.75	2. Thatcher Troftgruben 5:15.45	4. Braden Jenkins 109-01
5. Brylee Toth 30-04.75	3. Sam Scribner 5:31.03	10. Nate Strickland 98-06
12. Julie Morris 27-03	8. Jacob Prell 5:37.56	13. Jacob Prell 89-00
15. Elizabeth Rushton 25-11.25	9. Teegan Hatheway 5:46.87	20. Neil Whitney 70-03
	3200M:	26. Aidan Butler 62-09
	3. Teegan Hatheway 12:11.51	28. Jayden Corley 59-07

Sophomore Tara Carter was fourth in the mile and 10th in the 800 Meter Run with times of 7:13.08 and 3:25.72 respectively, while freshman Taylor Conklin was seventh in the mile with a time of 7:34.16 and ninth in the 800 in 3:24.35.

The 4x100 Meter Relay team of Elizabeth Rushton, Tiernan Stanton, Morris and Tidyman finished fourth with a time of 56.40.

“They had a few issues with hand-offs, so that impacted their time,” Ostenson explained. “The first time we worked on relays was Wednesday, so it will take a little work to get all on the same page.”

The ladies also had a good day throwing. Stanton finished third in the shot, putting it 32 feet, 5 and .75 inches and seventh in the discus with an 85 foot, 3 inch toss. Brylee Toth ended up fifth in both the Shotput and the Discus with a 30 foot, 4 and

.75 inch and an 87 foot, 1 inch throw respectively.

Though no one hit the state qualifying mark, Tidyman and McConkey are both within about a second of doing so in both the 100 and 200 Meter races, so Ostenson is confident they will get the needed times soon.

“This is a pretty special track meet now, and though it’s kind of tough, it’s great to know that it is something that will go on each year in Laura’s memory,” Ostenson said. “The Thunder Basin crew has a pretty good hurdle team and I think they appreciate having the 300 Meter Hurdles as a feature event. Laura’s strongest event was the 300, so that race is the highlight of the day for the memorial meet.”

This week, the team will head to Wheatland on Friday, weather permitting, for their one contest.



Photos by Alexis Barker/NLJ

Above, Dane Evenson made his Dogie debut Friday at the Laura Chord Memorial Meet in Newcastle, the only home track meet of the year. The freshman finished 24th in the Shotput, putting it 27 feet, 7 inches. At left, Thatcher Troftgruben may be only a freshman, but he made it known he is a runner to keep an eye on as he finished second in the mile and third in the 800 Meter Friday. Below, Sam Scribner floats through the air with the greatest of ease, and as the Dogies’ only pole vaulter, the freshman cleared 8 feet, 4 inches and finished 10th in the first varsity track meet of his career.



Chord Memorial



Photos by Alexis Barker/NLJ

Laura Chord’s father Clayton and mother Sally, along with several other family members, were present at the Laura Chord Memorial Track Meet on March 25 to present awards to Buffalo’s Kendall Tietjen, above, and Thunder Basin’s Steven Mansheim, at right. Both runners placed in the top three in the 300 Meter Hurdle, Laura’s signature race. Since her 2016 death, Newcastle High School has honored her memory by hosting the Laura Chord Memorial Track meet each year.



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2021-22



Back Row: MacKenzie Conzelman, Jaylen Ostenson, Mads Svensson, Tiernan Stanton, Braden Jenkins, Hogan Tystad, Tristan Troftgruben. Second Row: Cole Wehri, Aidan Chick, Taten Engle, Zachary Orsborn, Robert Humes, Moriahn Kenney, Mathew Drake. Third Row: Kalan VanGundy, Anasofia Baeza, Olivia McVay, Caleb Hoover, Shawnee Miles, Shelby Tidyman. Front Row: Advisor Alysha Engle, Hunter McFarland, Rachel Sweet, Gabby McVay, Zade Orsborn, Kayley Munoz, Colton Vanderpool-Mobley, Avery Chick



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Public Notice

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, DIVISION OF AIR QUALITY PUBLIC NOTICE:

In accordance with Chapter 6, Section 2(m) of the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations, notice is hereby given that the State of Wyoming, Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality, proposes to approve a request by Wyoming Refining Company to modify the Newcastle Refinery with the installation of one (1) 30,000 barrel (bb) internal floating roof (IFR) storage tank, Tank 152 (TNK047) and associated piping. This modification will also include demolishing and removing Tank 140 (TNK019) from service. The Newcastle Refinery is located at 740 West Main Street Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming.

For the duration of the public comment period, the permit application, the agency's analysis, and the public notice are available for public inspection online at <https://openair.wyo.gov>, utilizing facility ID F000980 and permit number P0034795 under permits. This material may also be viewed online, at the above URL, utilizing a

public computer at the Weston County Library, Newcastle, Wyoming. Additionally, for the duration of the public comment period a copy of this public notice is available for public inspection at the Weston County Clerk's Office, Newcastle, Wyoming. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, special assistance or alternate formats will be made available upon request for individuals with disabilities.

Written comments may be directed to Nancy Vehr, Administrator, Division of Air Quality, Department of Environmental Quality, 200 West 17th St., Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002 or by fax (307) 635-1784. Please reference A0013261 in your comment. Comments submitted by email will not be included in the administrative record. All comments received by 5:00 p.m., Monday, May 2, 2022 will be considered in the final determination on this application. A public hearing will be conducted only if in the opinion of the administrator sufficient interest is generated or if an aggrieved party so requests. Para español, visite deq.wyoming.gov.

(Publish March 31, 2022)

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Public Notice

WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CHEYENNE, WYOMING NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AND FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR HIGHWAY WORK

Notice is hereby given that the State Transportation Commission of Wyoming has accepted as completed according to plans, specifications and rules governing the same work performed under that certain contract between the State of Wyoming, acting through said

Commission, and Z & Z Seal Coating, Inc., The Contractor, on Highway Project Number B214019 in Campbell, Crook, Johnson, Sheridan & Weston Counties, consisting of crack sealing and surfacing and replacement, and the Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; that the Director of the Department of Transportation will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on April 27, 2022.

STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING

(Publish March 17, 24 and 31, 2022)

Public Notice

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Notice is hereby given that the State Transportation Commission of Wyoming has accepted as completed according to plans, specifications and rules governing the same work performed under that certain contract between the State of Wyoming, acting through said Commission, and Surface Preparation Technologies, LLC, The Contractor, on

Highway Project Number B199007 in Albany, Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Johnson, Lincoln, Laramie, Sweetwater, Uinta, Washakie, Crook, Big Horn, Park and Platte Counties, consisting of milling rumble strips and miscellaneous work, and the Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; that the Director of the Department of Transportation will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on April 27, 2022.

STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING

(Publish March 17, 24 and 31, 2022)

Election Notice

PROCLAMATION & NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR CAMBRIA IMPROVEMENT & SERVICE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING TUESDAY, MAY 03, 2022

Notice is hereby given that CAMBRIA IMPROVEMENT & SERVICE DISTRICT is seeking applicants for TWO (2) DIRECTORS to serve on the Board of Directors for a FOUR (4) year term.

Any qualified elector or landowner within the boundaries of C.I. AND S. District may apply for the position of Director by filing an application with the District's secretary, Sharron Ackerman. To receive an application please

call 746-2205. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED BY APRIL, 22, 2022 with the secretary.

All qualified electors and landowners within the District's boundaries are entitled to vote, either in person at the Genealogy Room in Weston County Library or by absentee ballot. Polls will be open from 8:30 to 5:30. Absentee ballots may be obtained by calling the secretary or by written request to Cambria Improvement & Service District at P.O. Box 91, Newcastle, WY 82701.

Absentee ballots must be received no later than April 22, 2022.

(Publish March 17, 24 and 31 and April 7 and 14, 2022)

Election Notice

NOTICE OF ABSENTEE BALLOTING FOR WESTON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT DBA/WESTON COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES TO BE HELD TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022

Absentee ballots for Weston County Health Services Board of Trustees Election to be held on May 3, 2022, are now available at Weston County Health Services Administrative Office located at 1124 Washington Blvd., Newcastle, Wyoming, to all qualified electors.

Requests for absentee ballots may be made through the administrative office of Weston

County Health Services by furnishing the information required by law in person, in writing, or by telephone (307) 746-3755. Qualified registered electors may also vote absentee in the administrative office of Weston County Health Services through May 2, 2022.

Weston County Health Services
1124 Washington Blvd
Newcastle, WY 82701
(307) 746-3755

(Publish March 31, 2022)

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 - Tolstoy's Karenina

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 - "Drew Barrymore has never been what?"
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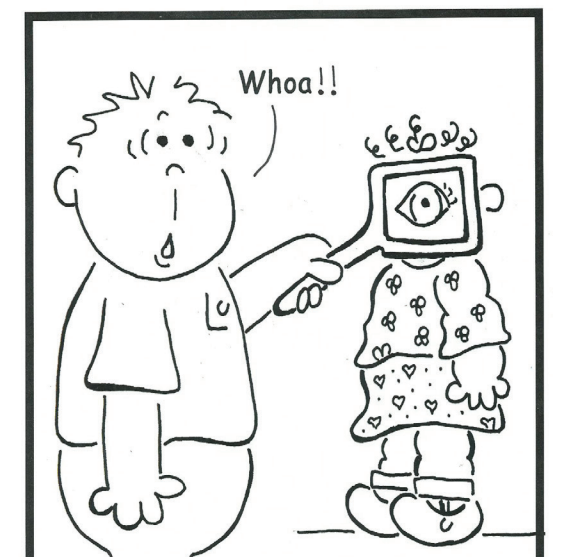
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FIND THE SOLUTIONS IN NEXT WEEK'S PAPER

Newcastle City Council Minutes

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MINUTES MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022

Mayor Pam Gualtieri called this regular meeting of the Newcastle City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Mayor Gualtieri; Council members Daren Downs, Ann McColley, Lance Miles, Don Steveson. Also present were Department Heads City Police Chief Sam Keller, City Engineer Mike Moore, and City Clerk/Treasurer Stacy Haggerty. Absent were Council member Tyrel Owens and City Attorney Mark Hughes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ann McColley moved, seconded Daren Downs to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Daren Downs moved, seconded Don Steveson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Tuesday March 7, 2022 and the Executive Session minutes of Tuesday March 7, 2022. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOMINATIONS FOR RECOGNITION: Newcastle High School Girls Basketball Team for their hard work and accomplishments this year.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION: None
CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—IN WRITING: Ann McColley moved, Don Steveson seconded to award sewer forgiveness in the amount of \$864.48 to Nathan & Katie Williamson due to a leak. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—VERBAL: None
MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS: None
DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: City Attorney Mark Hughes was absent. Mayor Gualtieri read Ordinance 2, Series 2022 on the first reading. The heading reads: **AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO RT COMMUNICATION, INC DBA RANGE AND ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS A NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO OPERATE A TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM WITHIN THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WYOMING; ESTABLISHING THE TERMS OF SAID FRANCHISE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Don Steveson moved, seconded Lance Miles to pass Ordinance No. 2, Series 2022 on first reading. **MOTION CARRIED.**

City Engineer Mike Moore reported that bids for the Well No. 5 completion project will close at 2 p.m. on March 22, 2022. He is hoping that plans for the Police Department Remodel will be done by the end of the month with bids for that project being awarded in early May. Historic signs should start being put up toward the end of this week. Moore reported John Francis has resumed his work on the Summit Ave. retaining wall with hopes that it will be done within the next couple weeks. With Arbor Day approaching Engineer Moore will have a proclamation for the April 18, 2022 Council Meeting. Bearlodge Engineering has been selected as the consultant for the Highway 16 pathway project. Engineer Moore stated that he is working with City Attorney Mark Hughes on the process to facilitate WyoLink. Working with Wyoming Department of Transportation on accessing a dog park at Centennial Park off Highway 16. Engineer Moore stated that he had also inquired about electronic speed sign with the Wyoming Department of Transportation, the

next step would be to do a speed study. Police Chief Sam Keller reported 654 year to date, 238 calls this month. Hillhouse is still on medical leave and will keep Chief Keller updated as to when he can return to work. Mobile radios will be installed next week. Chief Keller stated that he will be attending a Leadership meeting next week.

City Clerk/Treasurer Stacy Haggerty stated that they are preparing for the Budget process and transitions in the office are going well. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None
ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None
CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY: Ann McColley moved, seconded Don Steveson to pay the claims against the City dated March 21, 2022. **MOTION CARRIED.** Don Steveson moved, seconded Daren Downs to adjourn this regular meeting of the Newcastle City Council at 7:32 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Claims: Alpha Communications, tower/repeater rent, \$95.00; American Business Software, monthly maintenance, \$49.00; Antler's Uncle Vito's, safety meeting, \$27.00; Bearlodge Engineering, engineering survey/mapping, \$10,115.14; Quartney Bickford, water deposit refund, \$100.00; Black Hills Energy, electrical service, \$1,377.01; Blue Cross Blue Shield of WY, employee health insurance, \$41,086.00; Culligan Water, water delivery, \$71.50; Decker's Market, supplies, \$156.47; Delta Dental of WY, employee dental insurance, \$2,228.00; Double D, supplies, \$939.40; Heather Draine, reimbursement, \$8.45; Eastern Wyoming Equipment Company, parts and supplies, \$378.98; Energy Laboratories Inc., quality testing, \$297.00; Farnsworth Service, portable sanitation rental, \$1,000.00; Ferguson Waterworks, parts and supplies, \$2,768.87; Gateway Travel Center, fuel charges, \$3,265.69; Gillette News Record, advertising, \$167.48; Marco Technologies, office supplies, \$272.30; Mastercard, services/supplies, \$3,471.29; Motorola Solutions, equipment and upgrades, \$38,106.25; Mountain Plains Audiology, tools/supplies/training, \$490.00; Municipal Code Corp., ordinance updates, \$578.23; News Letter Journal, office supplies, \$52.21; One Call of Wyoming, CDC code, \$6.00; Wesley Orsborn, water deposit refund, \$100.00; Powder River Energy Corp., energy service, \$1,345.39; Range Communications, telephone service, \$1,465.61; Genelle Rothleitner, cleaning service, \$200.00, Slattery Enterprises Inc., sewer line maintenance, \$1,827.60; Sundance Extinguisher, extinguisher maintenance, \$162.00; The Radar Shop, equipment certification, \$420.00; Tracey Tupa, reimbursement, \$371.37; Valli Information Systems, monthly maintenance, \$139.88; Vanway Trophy, plaque, \$141.40; Becky Vodopich, cleaning service, \$300.00; W & S Construction, road work, \$9,384.50; WEBT, employee life insurance, \$101.50; Weston County Treasurer, youth services/airport expenses, \$4,108.06; Woody's Food Center, supplies, \$137.81; Wyoming First Aid & Safety, first aid supplies, \$151.76; Wyoming Labor Law Poster Service, labor law posters, \$89.50.

Pam Gualtieri, Mayor
ATTEST: City Clerk/Treasurer, Stacy Haggerty

(Publish March 31, 2022)

Bid Notice

INVITATION TO BID NEWCASTLE CITY HALL POLICE DEPARTMENT RENOVATIONS

The City of Newcastle invites sealed bids for **Newcastle City Hall Police Department Renovations** to be in accordance with the bid documents. Work includes framing & drywall, doors & windows, masonry, electrical, minor plumbing, casework, painting & flooring.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is CRM Architecture, Inc, PO Box 396, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701, Attn: Carole Mark (443) 742-7313 cmark@CRMArchitecture.com. Documents will be available 4/4/22. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents or obtain printed copies for a fee of \$50 at the Office of the Newcastle City Engineer, 10 W. Warwick, Newcastle, WY 82701.

All bidders must register with www.questcdn.com. Electronic copies may be obtained from www.questcdn.com, bid doc No. 8166395 for a fee of \$15.

Bid security shall be in the amount of 5% of the total bid amount.

A **PRE-BID MEETING** and project walk-thru will be held: **April 12 at 2:00 p.m.** in council chambers: Newcastle City Hall 10 West Warwick, Newcastle, WY 82701.

Sealed bids will be received by the Newcastle City Office, 10 West Warwick, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701. The bids are to be in a sealed envelope with the bidder and project labeled on the outside. Bids may also be submitted online through www.questcdn.com. Bids will be received until **Tuesday April 26th @ 2:00 p.m.** when they will be opened publicly and read aloud in council chambers.

Pursuant to W.S. 16-6-106 "preference is hereby given to materials, supplies, agricultural products, equipment, machinery and provisions produced, manufactured or grown in Wyoming, or supplied by a resident of the state, quality being equal to articles offered by the competitors outside of the state".

(Publish March 31 and April 7, 2022)

Public Notice

WATER UNLIMITED, INC. 2021 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT (CCR)

The CCR for Water Unlimited, Inc. is finished and poster at the Well, Weston County

Courthouse, Business Office and available upon request. Any customers interested in receiving a paper copy of hte 2021 CCR please contact Cary Voss at 307-746-5794.

(Publish March 31, 2022)

Police Blotter

March 13
Extra Patrol Requested. Assist Other Agency. Assist Other Agency. Missing Animal Reported. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Report of a Dog at Large.

March 14
Welfare Check Requested. Fight Reported, Citation Issued. VIN Inspection Requested. Report of a Dog at Large, Citation Issued. Child Neglect Reported. VIN Inspection Requested. Suspicious Person Reported. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued.

March 15
Assist Other Agency. Suspicious Person Reported. Report of a Dog at Large. Abandoned Vehicle Reported. Arrest Warrant Issued. VIN Inspection Reported. Welfare Check Requested. Traffic Stop, ERO Issued. Assist Other Agency. Abandoned 911. Traffic Stop, ERO Issued.

March 16
Arrest Warrant Issued. Traffic Complaint. VIN Inspection Requested. School Walkthrough.

School Walkthrough. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. VIN Inspection Requested. School Walkthrough. Suspicious Person Reported. VIN Inspection Requested. Suspicious Activity Reported. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Arrest Warrant Issued.

March 17
School Walkthrough. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. School Walkthrough. Suspicious Person Reported. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Extra Patrol Requested. Traffic Stop, ERO Issued. Arrest Warrant Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued.

March 18
Noise Complaint. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Welfare Check Requested. Assist Other Agency. Assist Other Agency. Welfare Check Requested. Civil Matter Reported. Assist Other Agency.

March 19
Assist Other Agency. Protection Order Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Illegal Dumping Reported. Natural Death Reported. Theft Reported. Motorist Assist. Assist Other Agency.



Cowboy State Look-In

Courtesy of the Wyoming News Exchange

Gas prices up 8.1 cents

CHEYENNE (WNE) — Average gasoline prices in Wyoming have risen 8.1 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.07 per gallon Monday, according to GasBuddy.com's survey of 494 stations in Wyoming.

Prices in Wyoming are 66.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago, and stand \$1.18 per gallon higher than a

year ago. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Wyoming was priced at \$3.69 per gallon Sunday, while the most expensive was \$4.69, a difference of \$1 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline was unchanged in the last week, averaging \$4.23 per gallon Monday. The

national average is up 62.4 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.38 per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

This story was published on March 28.

Mild earthquake near Saratoga

SARATOGA (WNE) — People in the Saratoga area may have felt the earth move a little in the early morning hours Saturday.

About 7 minutes before 4 a.m., a magnitude 3.8 earthquake was recorded southeast of the Carbon County town 3.2 miles west-northwest of Ryan Park, according to the Wyoming Geological Survey.

While no damage has been reported, the tremor was definitely felt in and around the area. The state Geological Survey reports that since the quake, 22 people have reported feeling the ground shake.

The earthquake happened at a depth of 10.1 kilometers, while the intensity at magnitude 3.8 registers as a IV and on the lower end of the scale, the agency reports. At that level, shaking is considered light and doesn't cause damage.

While feeling the ground shake so far above sea level isn't usual, it's also not unprecedented,

said Seth Wittke, a geologist with the Wyoming Geological Survey office in Laramie.

"In the last 30 or 40 years, there have been about a dozen earthquakes around the Saratoga Valley," said Wittke.

Most of those quakes have been in the 3.0 to 3.5 magnitude range, he said.

"Based on historic records, it's not out of the ordinary, but it doesn't happen very often," he said.

Anyone concerned it's a warning a more damaging earthquake may be on the way can relax, Wittke said. While never a sure thing, it's unlikely a major event is on the horizon for the area.

"There's nothing (around the area) like California's kind of faults," he said. "There are faults, but nothing noted as high-hazard."

This story was posted on March 23, 2022.

Devils Tower entrance goes cashless

GILLETTE (WNE) — Entrance fees for Devils Tower National Monument will only be accepted as card or digital payments starting on April 1.

Part of the move to stop accepting cash to enter the park came as a means to cut down the time employees spend managing cash. It also would increase the amount of revenue that could go toward projects and visitor services while reducing the chance for wrongdoing or mishandling, according to a National Park

Service press release. Passes may be purchased ahead of time by visiting recreation.gov or through the recreation.gov app. Passes bought on the app can be stored on a phone or printed in advance.

Devils Tower is open 24 hours a day year-round. But the bulk of its visitors come between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Of that 500,000 or so visitors to the park each year, about 80% come during those summer months.

Entrance fees are \$25 per

car and \$20 per motorcycle. For those walking or riding bicycles, the cost is \$15 per person age 16 and older. The fee covers seven days. People also can stop by the park for a fee-free day visit on Aug. 4, 25 or Sept. 25.

Visitors can buy an annual pass for all national parks for \$45 or \$80, respectively.

For more information, visit nps.gov/deto or call 307-467-5283, ext. 635.

This story was published on March 24, 2022.

WYDOT announces NEVI strategy

LYMAN (WNE) — Wyoming will soon receive National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) formula funds to use to facilitate electric vehicle infrastructure development, especially charging stations, around the state.

The funding is part of the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), signed by President Biden in November 2021.

The Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) is allocated \$3.9 million this year and expects \$5 million each year for the next four years for a total of \$23.96 million for EV infrastructure over five years.

In preparation to execute NEVI funding and other program incentives, the state has developed a Zero Emission Vehicle Strategy and will circulate the strategy over the next month to allow the public and interested parties to provide comments and feedback.

Wyoming's interstates have been designated

as "Alternative Fuel Corridors" and under the NEVI program must have infrastructure installed first.

WYDOT and other state officials have scheduled public meetings around the state in early April to gather public input as well as feedback from potential bidders and other interested parties.

Each meeting is expected to have a virtual component so viewers can attend any meeting and see the proposed plan and make comments.

The meetings will be held in Cheyenne, Casper, Cody, Riverton, Jackson, Rawlins, Gillette and Sheridan.

Those interested in making a public comment can also email dot-publicaffairs@wyo.gov. For more information, visit https://www.dot.state.wy.us/home/planning_projects/zero-emission-vehicles/national-electric-vehicle-infrastructure-nevi-program.html.

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Meeting Notice

WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 MEETING NOTICE

During their board meetings on March 30, 2022, and April 13, 2022, the Weston County Board of Trustees is seeking public input from all stakeholders, including students, staff, and community members, for the proposed utilization of Federal

ARP funds. Like all WCDSD1 Board meetings, these are open to the public and take place in the board room of the administration building. The meetings will begin at 7p.m. Stakeholders can also submit ideas to Superintendent Brad LaCroix by emailing lacroix@wcds1.org or calling 746-4451.

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Send resumes and writing samples to: Mr. Kelly Hertz, Editor, Yankton Press & Dakotan, 319 Walnut, Yankton, SD 57078, or email kelly.hertz@yankton.net.

Classifieds deadlines are Fridays at noon

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State science fair winners named

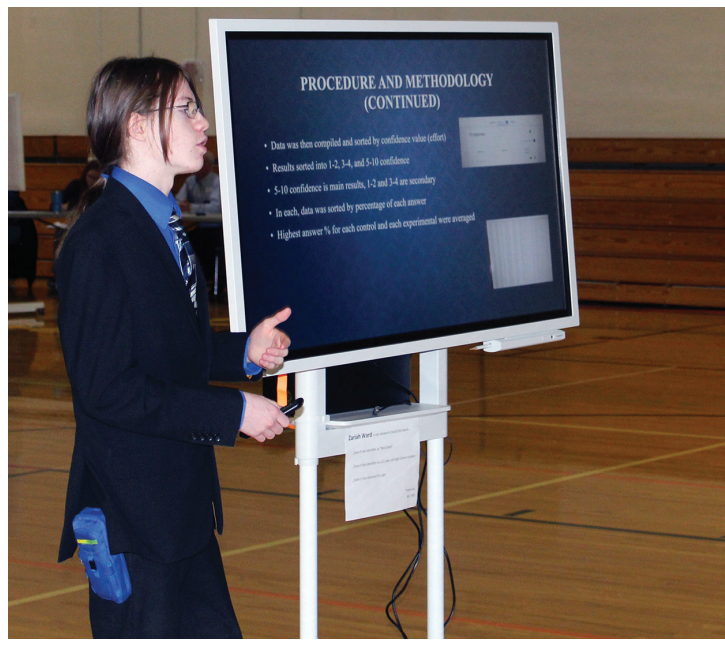
Jim Stith, Newcastle High School science instructor, was pleased to announce winners for the 2022 Wyoming State Science Fair.

This year, as it was last year, the event was held virtually so students were in the maker-space or library all morning on March 7, with awards held on March 9.

State science awards went to Cody Stith, Tiernan Stanton, Dakota Morgan, Robert Humes, Caleb Hoover, and Toby Johnson.

“Toby is also first alternate to represent Wyoming in the International Science and Engineering Fair held in Atlanta, Ga., in May!” Stith said.

Below are the results, with the name of each entry, and awards received.



NLJ file photo

Toby Johnson shares his science fair project 'The Effect of Test Question Design on the Accuracy of Tests at Assessing Student Knowledge' with judges during the Northeast Regional Science Fair in Newcastle. Johnson later picked up an award at the Wyoming State Science Fair.

Behavioral & Social Science Category

Toby Johnson, 12th grade, Newcastle High School
 “The Effects of Test Question Design on the Accuracy of Tests at Assessing Student Knowledge”
 Awards Received: 1st Place Sr. Category American Psychological Association Award WEST, Inc. Special Award in Environmental and Data Science

Chemistry Category

Cody Stith, 9th grade, Newcastle High School
 “Physics of Melting Ice”
 Award Received: 2nd Place Sr. Category

Earth & Environmental Sciences Category

Tiernan Stanton, 11th grade, Newcastle High School
 “Wormin Around”
 Awards Received: 3rd Place Sr. Category Rocky Mountain States Section Air & Waste Management Association Sr. Division Award

Engineering Category

Dakota Morgan & Robert Humes, 11th grade, Newcastle High School
 “Nozzle size vs. Thrust”
 Awards Received: 2nd Place Sr. Division Category Yale Science & Engineering Award

Wyoming NASA SpaceGrant Special Award

Caleb Hoover, 9th grade, Newcastle High School
 “Transtibial Prosthetic Soccer Leg” Award Received: 3rd Place Sr. Division Category

2022 Regeneron International Science & Engineering Fair Alternate from Wyoming:

Toby Johnson, 12th grade, Newcastle High School
 “The Effects of Test Question Design on the Accuracy of Tests at Assessing Student Knowledge”

Signing on



Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ

On March 19, Lakacey Lipp signed up with Northwest College, located in Powell. She will be majoring in Agriculture Communications and Marketing. Family and friends attended her signing in the Dogie Dome. She said she is excited to be embarking on this new chapter in her life as she goes off to college. Above, Lipp, center, with Cami Willyard and Kristine Rhoades. Below, she poses for a photo with her parents, Phil and Kristi Lipp, and her brother, J.J. Lipp.



Ladies from Page 9

her there the rest of the weekend,” Stearns said. “She did an amazing job getting the ball out of the air and she’s not afraid to get hit. She’s a tough girl and she can run a long time, so that helped us out a lot.”

Miller scored first to get her team on the board at around 10 or 15 minutes into the first half. The Lady Dogies inbounded the ball, and through some chaos at the goal, the ball popped out and Miller was there to send it into the back of the net.

“It was a beautiful shot from a long way out that went right over the head of the goalkeeper,” said Stearns. “She’s there for the clean-up and even if it hadn’t gone in, it was right on frame and really dangerous, and we would have had chances from there.”

McVay got her first goal of the game, and the season, as she maneuvered the ball to the back of the net as well prior to the first half expiring. The junior would get the next two goals of her hat trick in the second half.

McVay was 3-3 on the day, Zariah Ward went 0-3, while MacKenzie Conzelman, McKenzie Rose, and

Ruth Rose were all 0-2 on the day. The win set the Lady Dogies up for a 9 a.m. match-up against Lyman on Saturday morning. The Eagles had lost to Riverton and won against Torrington on their way to the morning contest.

Once again, Newcastle came out ready to play against a team which Stearns described as tougher than Rawlins.

“We were making a lot of great combinations and playing well in the middle,” she said. “I think our game in the midfield will be what makes us or breaks us this year.”

McVay and Conzelman scored their team’s two goals of the day, and Perez had four saves for her second shutout of the tournament.

Conzelman scored the first goal on a breakaway down the right side of the field. The keeper for the Eagles was little out of position, and Conzelman placed the ball beautifully into the wide open left side of the net.

McVay’s goal, which came in the second half, was the result of some hard work by freshman Ruth Rose.

NHS Ladies’ Soccer

Newcastle @ Pinedale Jamboree 3/25-26/22
Newcastle v. Worland 3/25/22 0-4
 Gabby McVay: 0-2 shots on goal
 Angel Perez: 12 saves

Newcastle v. Rawlins 3/25/22 4-0
 Gabby McVay: 3-3 shots on goal
 MacKenzie Conzelman: 0-2 shots on goal
 McKenzie Rose: 0-2 shots on goal
 Kyah Miller: 1-1 shot on goal
 Zariah Ward: 0-3 shots on goal
 Ruth Rose: 0-2 shots on goal
 Angel Perez: 5 saves, 1 shutout

Newcastle v. Lyman 3/26/22 2-0
 Gabby McVay: 1-1 shot on goal
 MacKenzie Conzelman: 1-3 shots on goal
 Kyah Miller: 0-1 shot on goal
 Zariah Ward: 0-1 shot on goal
 Ruth Rose: 1 assist
 Angel Perez: 4 saves, 1 shutout

Newcastle v. Douglas 3/26/22 0-3
 Gabby McVay: 0-2 shots on goal
 MacKenzie Conzelman: 0-1 shot on goal
 Angel Perez: 7 saves

The ball had been played down field on the Dogies’ left side, and Rose out-hustled her defender to the ball and sent it across to McVay, who took one or two touches before putting it in the goal.
 “I really liked the hustle I saw from

Ruth,” Stearns said. “That goal would not have happened had she not chased it down.”

The 2-0 shutout moved the Lady Dogies into the consolation championship game against the Lady Bearcats of Douglas. This game was also the first time in the season the team would be playing on a turf field.

“I feel like the fact that we were playing Douglas and playing on turf for the first time, may have caused some nerves again,” Stearns said. “Douglas is used to playing on turf, and they were a little fresher than we were, having played only two games to our three at that point.”

Newcastle also lacked some speed compared to the Lady ‘Cats, and Douglas also plays a pretty physical game which resulted in several fouls and even a yellow card being issued to a player who two-handed checked Miller in the middle of the field.

A combination of those factors resulted in the Lady Dogies dropping the game, 0-3. Perez finished with seven saves, McVay got off two shots on goal while Conzelman

attempted one. “We definitely can compete with them,” Stearns determined. “When we play them again in a couple of weeks, we will be ready for them.”

The Lady Dogies struggled a bit in the midfield which Stearns admitted caused issues in both the Worland and Douglas games.

“This week, we will spend quite a bit of time cleaning up our midfield and work on winning those 50/50 balls,” Stearns said.

This week, the Lady Dogies will host their home-opener in a conference match-up against Buffalo who finished second in Pinedale.

“If we can just keep it out of our heads that we are playing Buffalo, I think we can compete pretty well with them,” Stearns said. “They have the same record as we do, so if we can clean up our midfield and prepare ourselves for another physical game, we can give them a game.”

The Lady Dogies will play half a JV game beginning at 4 on Friday with the varsity scheduled to kick off at 5:30 at Schoonmaker Field.

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